FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

August 9, 2004

In Reply Refer To: Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company Docket Nos. RP04-329-000 and RP04-329-001

Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company 180 East 100 South P.O. Box 45360 Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0360

Attention: Charles E. Greenhawt

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Reference: Multiple Changes to Tariff Including Law and Venue Provision

Dear Mr. Greenhawt:

- 1. On June 14, 2004, as amended July 12, 2004, Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company (Southern Trails) filed tariff sheets in order to make ministerial changes and clarify various aspects of its tariff. The Commission accepts the amended tariff sheets¹ to become effective July 15, 2004, as discussed in the body of this order. This order benefits customers because it removes outdated tariff references and reasonably clarifies aspects of the tariff.
- 2. Specifically, Southern Trails proposes to modify its tariff language in Rate Schedule FT (Firm Transportation Service) and Rate Schedule IT (Interruptible Transportation Service) to reflect that a shipper shall pay a usage charge for transportation service based upon all gas "delivered", rather than all gas "received," since FT and IT rates are calculated based on "delivered" gas, rather than on "received" gas.

¹ See Appendix to this order.

- 3. Southern Trails proposes to remove from its tariff language that waives the rate ceiling for short-term capacity releases that expired on September 30, 2002. Southern Trails states that the proposed waiver language was inadvertently not removed in previous Southern Trails' filings. Southern Trails also proposes to correct several cross-references within its tariff to reflect proper section references due to redesignations, to update multiple Code of Federal Regulations references within its tariff, and to correct several grammatical errors in the tariff.
- 4. Southern Trails proposes to insert additional language in section 15 of its tariff stating that only those volumes that exceed the imbalance tolerance will be cashed out. Southern Trails states that this insertion is a clarification of the tariff currently in effect.
- 5. Under section 16, Southern Trails proposes to include language providing for the recovery of reasonable expenses, costs or attorney fees incurred to collect amounts owed from those shippers who fail to pay for services.
- 6. Finally, Southern Trails initially proposed a new section 33 (Applicable Law and Venue) to its tariff, which read as follows:

<u>Applicable Law and Venue</u>. Any agreement executed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this tariff shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state of Utah without regard to choice of law rule. Any claims for damages or injunction relief must be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Salt Lake County, Utah.

- 7. On July 12, 2004, Southern Trails amended its filing to remove the venue restrictions in the second sentence.
- 8. Public notice of the filing was issued on June 17, 2004. Interventions and protests were due on June 28, 2004, as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. §154.210 (2004). Pursuant to Rule 214, (18 C.F.R. §385.214 (2004)), all timely filed motions to intervene are granted. Motions to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance of this order will also be granted, since granting such interventions at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt this proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties.
- 9. BP Energy Company and BP America Production Company (collectively, BP) initially protested the venue restriction in section 33 that stated any lawsuit that seeks claims, damages, injunction relief damages, or injunctive relief against Southern Trails

must be filed in a court in Salt Lake City, Utah. After Southern Trails amended its June 14 tariff filing by removing the restrictive language in section 33 of its tariff, BP withdrew its protest.

- 10. The revisions to section 16 (regarding the recovery of costs associated with collecting monies from delinquent shippers) were not protested and appear to be reasonable. Therefore, the Commission will approve this proposed revision.
- 11. Further, the amended tariff language under section 33 (Applicable Law) is no longer protested because Southern Trails has amended its tariff to remove the restrictive venue language. The venue issue is therefore moot, and the Commission may accept this proposed revision without further discussion.
- 12. The Commission finds that the other revisions generally ensure clarity, completeness, and accuracy of the tariff. Accordingly, the Commission is accepting the tariff sheets, as amended, effective July 15, 2004.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas Secretary

Appendix

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FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1

Tariff Sheets Accepted, Effective July 15, 2004

Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 1	First Revised Sheet No. 63
First Revised Sheet No. 12	Second Revised Sheet No. 65
First Revised Sheet No. 21	First Revised Sheet No. 71
Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 30	Second Revised Sheet No. 72
First Revised Sheet No. 35	First Revised Sheet No. 82
First Revised Sheet No. 39	First Revised Sheet No. 83
First Revised Sheet No. 40	First Revised Sheet No. 87
First Revised Sheet No. 41	First Revised Sheet No. 92
First Revised Sheet No. 59	First Revised Sheet No. 93
First Revised Sheet No. 60	Substitute Original Sheet No. 114
First Revised Sheet No. 61	Sheet Nos. 115-118

Tariff Sheets Rejected as Moot

Third Revised Sheet No. 1 Third Revised Sheet No. 30 Original Sheet No. 114